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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
AND THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND SOUTH WHITTIER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for public works construction contracts in the City of Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated communities of Rowland Heights and South Whittier.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amounts and the changes for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0014866 - Telegraph Road-South of Carmenita Road/Florence Avenue, to reconstruct and landscape roadway medians, in the City of Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated community of South Whittier, being performed by Sully-Miller Contracting Company, for striping lanes and restoring an excavated area, with an increase in the contract amount of \$117,000.
- Project ID No. TSM0010111 - Colima Road, to install fiber optic interconnect for traffic signals and two closed-circuit television cameras, in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights, being performed by Steiny and Company, Inc., for variations in bid quantities, furnishing switches, additional conduit, and deletion of controller cabinets, with an increase in the contract amount of \$2,946.99.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your ratification is a change in work, which the Director of Public Works ordered for Project ID No. TSM0010111.

Also, enclosed for your authorization are changes in work in excess of the Director of Public Works' delegated limits, which are required to complete Project ID No. RDC0014866.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts are increases of \$117,000 and \$2,946.99, respectively.

Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the enclosures.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/1/2009

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly distinguishable.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)  
September 1, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014866 - TELEGRAPH ROAD-SOUTH OF CARMENITA ROAD/FLORENCE AVENUE (City of Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated community of South Whittier), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4, Contractor: Sully-Miller Contracting Company

Project Description:

Reconstruction and landscaping of roadway medians.

Changes in Work:

(1) Striping	\$ 21,000.00
(2) Restore Excavated Area	<u>96,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$117,000.00</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The existing westbound lane widths do not match what is shown on the project plans. The contractor needs to remove the existing striping and restripe the westbound lanes to allow for proper lane widths.

(2) The community requested that the proposed raised medians be deleted from the contract. It will be necessary to compensate the contractor to restore the areas that were excavated for construction of the raised medians.

The cost for Item 1 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Seven additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

A portion of the project is within the City of Santa Fe Springs. The improvements within the City of Santa Fe Springs are of general County interest; therefore, the work will be done at no cost to the City of Santa Fe Springs. This project is included in the First and Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$191,954.50
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>117,000.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$308,954.50</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	61%

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CHANGE IN WORK (RATIFY)  
September 1, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010111 - COLIMA ROAD (in the unincorporated community of Rowland Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4, Contractor: Steiny and Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Installation of fiber optic interconnect for traffic signals and two closed-circuit television cameras and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$ 8,409.40)
(2) Furnish Ethernet Switches	14,352.00
(3) Additional Conduit	15,754.28
(4) Delete Controller Cabinets	<u>(18,749.89)</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,946.99</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

(2) The Ethernet switches to be furnished by Public Works are not available. It will be necessary for the contractor to provide these switches.

(3) To meet the intent of the design, it will be necessary to install additional conduit into the fire station to terminate the fiber optic line at a convenient County facility.

(4) Because the new equipment and cables can be installed in the existing traffic signal cabinets, the two new cabinets shown on the plans will be deleted.

The costs for Item 1 and 4 will be based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 will be on a time and materials basis as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Forty additional working days were required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$381,461.00
Changes in work to be ratified	<u>2,946.99</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$384,407.99</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	0.8%

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